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Subject: Request for advice on Addendum to the Amendment and Submissions Report - Eastern Creek REP Throughput Increase (SSD-11606719) (Blacktown)

Dear Sheelagh,

Thank you for your referral received 27 October 2025 seeking comments from the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR) Group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water regarding the Addendum to the Amendment and Submissions Report for the above State significant development application.

CPHR has reviewed the *Addendum Amendment and Submissions Report* (Arcadis, 7 October 2025), *Appendix I – Addendum Biodiversity Development Assessment Report* (Arcadis, 24 September 2025) and *Appendix H – Updated Surface Water Impact Assessment* (at&I, 15 August 2025).

CPHR recommendations on seed collection, reuse of removed trees and site landscaping from its previous advice dated 20 November 2023 should be incorporated into the conditions of consent (**Attachment A**).

All other comments have been adequately addressed in the documents provided.

CPHR should not be given a role in any conditions of consent without prior agreement. Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Angela Stewart, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, via angela.stewart@dcceew.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Recommended Conditions for Eastern Creek Recycling Ecology Park (REP) – Throughput Increase, 1 Kangaroo Avenue, Eastern Creek - SSD-11606719

Seed collection from local native plants to be removed

- Prior to the removal of any local native vegetation from the site, seed from native trees, shrubs, and groundcover approved for removal should be collected and propagated by a suitably qualified bush regenerator to be used in the site plantings.

Reuse of removed trees

- The Applicant must, where it is practicable, reuse any of the native trees that are to be removed as part of this project, including tree hollows, tree trunks (greater than 25-30 centimetres in diameter and 2-3 metres in length), and root balls to enhance habitat.
- If removed native trees cannot be entirely re-used by the project, the Applicant must consult with local community restoration/rehabilitation groups, Landcare groups, and relevant public authorities, local councils, and Greater Sydney Local Land Services prior to removing any native trees to determine if the removed trees can be reused in habitat enhancement and rehabilitation work. This detail including consultation with the community groups and their responses must be documented.

Site Landscaping

- Any planting/ landscaping associated with the SSD should use a diversity of local provenance native trees, shrubs and groundcover species from the relevant native vegetation community (or communities) that occur or once occurred on the site (rather than use exotic species or non-local native species).
- The planting schedule in the Landscape Plan should demonstrate the plant species are from the local native vegetation community that once occurred on the site and are of local provenance.
- The landscape plan and planting schedule should be prepared by a qualified bush regenerator.
- Tree planting should use advanced and established local native trees for local native tree species which are commercially available. Other local native tree species which are not commercially available may be sourced as juvenile sized trees or pre-grown from provenance seed.
- A Landscape Plan is to be prepared and implemented by an appropriately qualified bush regenerator and include details on:
 - a. the native vegetation community (or communities) that occur or once occurred on the site and the plan demonstrates that the proposed plant species are from the relevant vegetation community
 - b. seed collection – the location of all native seed sources should be identified
 - c. the species, quantity and location of trees, shrubs and groundcover plantings
 - d. local provenance tree, shrub and groundcover species is to be used
 - e. the pot size of the trees to be planted
 - f. the area/space required to allow the planted trees to grow to maturity
 - g. plant maintenance regime. The planted vegetation must be regularly maintained and watered for 12 months following planting. Should any plant loss occur during the maintenance period the plants should be replaced by the same plant species.

End of Submission